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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Shapiro et al.
Application No.: 09/538,556
Filed: 03/29/2000
For: System and Method for Facilitating Bilateral and
Multilateral Decision-Making

Group No.: 3623
Examiner: Stimpak, J.

RESPONSE UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

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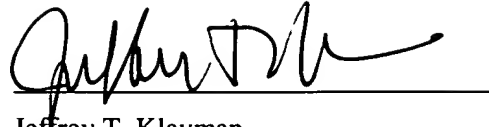
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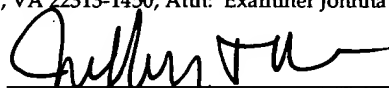


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy extended of a telephonic conversation held on June 2, 2003 between Mr. Jeffrey Klayman and Supervisory Patent Examiner Hafiz in which Mr. Hafiz instructed Mr. Klayman to submit a response via facsimile to Examiner Stimpak. Applicants respectfully submit this amendment and response to the final office action dated May 5, 2003.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1, 22, 23, 25, and 29 to read as follows: